MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OF REGULAR BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Mountain Valley Church

Wilkes County

Oct. 3, 4 and 5, 1947

A. C. SIDDEN, Moderator ..... Joynes, N. C.

CHARLIE MILES, Sec. & Treas. ..... Traphill, N. C.

The next session will convene with Double Creek Church, at Abshers, N. C., to commence on Friday at 11:00 A. M. before the first Sunday in October, 1948. Elder Charlie Miles to preach the introductory sermon. Elder D. H. Brown, Alternate.

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Convened with Mountain Valley Church, Wilkes County, N. C., October 3, 1947. Opening song, "Oh, For a Closer Walk With God."

Service introduced by Elder C. C. Burcham, by reading Revelation 6. Prayer by Elder H. F. Royal.

Introductory sermon by Elder M. C. Dillard. Text, First Corinthians, 15:58, "Therefore my beloved brethren be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your work is not in vain in the Lord."

Intermission 30 minutes.

Delegates reassembled in the house. Song, "Amazing Grace" and "In All My Lord's Appointed Ways."

Association called to order by Elder A. C. Sidden, Moderator.

Association opened by Elder A. C. Sidden, reading 19 Psalm. Prayer by Brother C. S. McKnight.

1. Moderator called for associational letters. 17 were handed in and read and the delegates seated.

2. On motion invited newly constituted churches, or any Regular Baptist church of our faith and order. None came.

3. On motion we elect Moderator by ballot and that Elder G. B. Adams and Brother C. S. McKnight act as tellers. They report Elder A. C. Sidden elected. Report received.

4. On motion elect Elder Charlie Miles, Clerk, by acclamation.

5. On motion invite correspondents of our faith and order to seats with us.

A letter froom The Union Association of Alleghany County was received. The following came forward and were seated: Elder H. F. Royal, Brethren Charlie Evans, C. S. McKnight, F. S. Delp.

6. On motion invite transcients and visitors of the same faith and order. Elders L. E. Sparks, G. B. Adams, W. S. Akers, John Adams, Brtheren Lonnie Brown, R. L. Hendrix, M. L. Webb, W. W. Miles came forward and were seated.

7. On motion empower the Moderator to make all temporary appointments. The following committees were appointed:

(a) On Ministry—C. C. Sidden, C. C. McCann, G. F. Adams.

(b) On Finance—D. H. Brown, D. L. Holbrook, J. N. Royal.

(c) On Arrangements—G. M. Royal, L. W. Wood, B. F. Norman, John Nelson, B. G. Perry. On motion Moderator, Clerk be added to this committee and Corresponding brethren be invited to sit with them.

(d) On Obituaries—T. D. Barker, S. T. Curry, J. C. Felts.

(e) On Resolutions—C. C. Burcham, A. F. Walker, J. A. Harrold.

(f) On Temperance—T. A. Miles, J. H. Holbrook, W. S. Billings.

(g) On Time, Place and Preacher—A. M. Holbrook, M. A. Blackburn, Paul Baldwin.

(h) To write corresponding letter—Elder A. F. Walker.

8. Committee on ministry report as follows: For tonight: 1st, Elder C. C. Burcham; 2nd, Elder Howard Royal.

For tomorrow at 11:00 A. M.: 1st, Elder W. S. Akers; 2nd, Elder G. B. Adams. On motion report received.

9. On motion adjourn until tomorrow at 9:30 A. M. and spend 30 minutes in devotional exercise. The Moderator called on Elder G. B. Adams to close, who made some timely remarks, called for a song and all enjoyed a handshake. Prayer by Elder W. S. Akers.

FRIDAY NIGHT

1st, Elder C. C. Burcham; Text: Revelation 6:17. 2nd, Elder G. R. Cox; Text: Hebrews 2:1. Exhortation by Elder M. C. Dillard. Benediction by Elder L. E. Sparks.

SATURDAY 9:30 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday. Song and prayer service 30 minutes. Prayer by Brothers Olen Bryant, Ivan Dameron and Lonnie Felts.

Moderator read Psalm 19.

Called on Committee on Arrangements to report. On motion receive report and take up items as they appear on bill.

1. Called roll and marked absentees.

2. Extended an invitation to newly constituted churches or any Regular Baptist church of our faith and order. None came.

3. Invited correspondents of same faith and order. None came.

4. Invited transients and visitors of same faith and order. Elder M. F. Barker, Brethren J. L. Moxley and Lonnie Felts came forward and were seated.

5. On motion elect the Clerk, Treasurer. Instruct him to have one thousand copies of the minutes printed and distribute according to contribution. He to have $20.00 for his services.

6. Called on Committee on Temperance to report. Report follows:

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following:

The Bible says to be temperate, and we advise all people everywhere to be total abstainers from the use of alcoholic beverages, be-

cause the Bible says "No drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of God." The Bible also says none liveth to himself and none dieth to himself, so we can not live without influencing somebody. If we drink alcoholic beverages we are leading others to do the same and sending souls to hell.

T. A. MILES,
J. H. HOLBROOK,
Report received. W. S. BILLINGS, Committee.

7. Called on Committee on Obituaries to report. They report 19 handed in. One for Sister Jane Harris to be handed in. Report received and obituaries ordered printed.

8. Called on Committee on Resolutions to report. Report as follows:

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

1. We thank and give all praise to our Heavenly Father, the one that doeth all things well, for His tender mercy and goodness, bestowed on us during the past year and that we have been blessed to meet again.

2. We feel grateful for the visiting brethren present with us. We pray to the giver of all good gifts for a continuation of His mercy to abide with them.

3. We express our heartfelt thanks to the brethren and sisters of this community for the kind hospitality they have shown us during this association. Trusting that the good Lord may wonderfully bless them for same. Our peace we leave with you.

A. F. WALKER,
C. C. BURCHAM,
Report received. J. A. HARROLD, Committee.

9. Called on Committee on Ministry to report. They report for tonight: 1st, Elder C. S. McKnight to open service; 2nd, Elder G. R. Cox; 3rd, Elder H. F. Royal. For Sunday: 1st, Elder Charlie Miles; 2nd, Elder A. C. Sidden; 3rd, Elder A. F. Walker.

C. C. SIDDEN,
C. C. McCANN,
Report received. G. F. ADAMS, Committee.

10. Called on Treasurer of last year to report. Report follows:

REPORT OF CLERK AND TREASURER FOR 1946

Received from Finance Committee	$104.10
Received from Elder A. C. Sidden, Treasurer 1945	$108.81
Total	$212.91
Paid for printing minutes 1946	$88.60
Clerk fees, 1946	$20.00
Total	$108.60
Balance now in the hands of the Treasurer	$104.31

Report received. CHARLIE MILES, Treasurer, 1946.

11. Called for corresponding letter. Appoint correspondents as follows: To the Union Association to be held with Liberty Church, Surry County, N. C., Elders A. C. Sidden, A. F. Walker, G. R. Cox, M. F. Barker, Charlie Miles; Brethren G. M. Royall, Ivan Dameron, Olen Bryant, J. H. Holbrook.

Report received.

12. Called on correspondents of last year to report. Elders G. R. Cox, A. C. Sidden, Charlie Miles and A. F. Walker, Brethren G. M. Royal and J. Q. Walker report having attended the Union Association at Saddle Mountain, found the brethren in peace, and had an enjoyable time.

Elders M. C. Dillard, C. C. Burcham, Brethren A. Hincher and J. H. Holbrook rendered their excuse for not going and were excused.

Report received.

13. Called on Finance Committee to report. They report received from the churches $100.80.

Report received.

14. Called on Committee on Time, Place and Preacher to report. They report our next session to be held with Double Creek church, at Abshers, N. C., on Friday, 11:00 A. M., before the first Sunday in October, 1948. Elder Charlie Miles to preach the introductory sermon. Elder D. H. Brown, alternate.

A. M. HOLBROOK,
PAUL BALDWIN,
M. A. BLACKBURN,
Committee.

Report received.

15. On motion dispense with reading the minutes of this session.

16. Is there any other business? None.

17. Adjourn to time and place of our next session. Closed by Elder D. H. Brown making a short talk and offering prayer. Benediction by Elder M. F. Barker.

ELDER A. C. SIDDEN, Moderator.
CHARLIE MILES, Clerk.

SATURDAY, 11:00 A. M.

First Sermon—Elder W. S. Akers. Text, Luke 4:18.
Second Sermon—Elder G. B. Adams. Text, Matthew 12:42.

SATURDAY NIGHT, 7:00 P. M.

Service opened by Bro. C. S. McKnight by reading Psalm 145.
Song No. 1, Primitive Hymns. Prayer by Bro. Lonnie Felts.
First Sermon—Elder G. R. Cox. Text, St. John 17:20.
Second Sermon—Elder H. F. Royal. Text, Psalm 133:1.

SUNDAY 10:00 A. M.

1st—Elder Charlie Miles. Text, Romans, 6:23, "The Wages of sin is death."

2nd—Elder A. C. Sidden. Text, St. John 14:37, "Why can not I follow Thee now."

3rd—Elder A. F. Walker. Text, Acts 18:9-10, "Be not afraid" etc.

A large, orderly and attentive audience was present to hear the messages, which we trust will bring fruit to the honor and glory of God, in coming days.

Benediction by Moderator.

The Associational Letter of Mount Zion church was received by the Clerk, on Monday, October 6, 1947, by mail. The information contained in their letter appears in this minute, although their delegates were not present at the sitting of the association.—Clerk.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Antioch—John Nelson.

Austin—D. H. Brown, G. R. Cox, Granville Lyon, Ivan Dameron, Paul Baldwin.

Bethany—L. W. Wood, M. A. Blackburn, Olen Bryant.

Center—Elmer Barlow, George Adams.

Double Creek—D. L. Holbrook, R. M. Wyatt, Carp Cleary, A. M. Holbrook.

Liberty Knob—J. N. Royall, G. M. Royall, F. A. Royal, Charlie Miles, Clay Royall.

Mining Ridge—S. M. Golden. F. M. Royall, B. F. Norman.

Mountain Valley—J. H. Stamper D. S. Osborne, C. A. Stamper, Bradley Perry, Charlie Stamper.

Mount Zion—Foy Thompson, F. H. Jennings, G. D. Gambill, Otto Combs, Rufus Needam.

New Covenant—M. C. Dillard, Garnis Miles, T. A. Miles.

Oak Level—T. D. Barker, J. M. Thomas, J. M. Cockerham.

Rachael—S. T. Curry, Curtis Johnson, W. S. Billings.

Roaring River—J. H. Holbrook, A. C. Sidden, J. Q. Walker, C. C. Sidden, M. W. Brown.

Round Hill—O. F. Richardson, John Cothren.

Round Mountain—J. C. Felts, C. C. Burcham, A. J. Holbrook, S. M. Shumate.

Union—Letter only.

Union Hill—A. F. Walker, C. C. McCann, Corbet Wilmoth, J. C. Wilmoth.

Zion—J. A. Harrold, A. P. Harrold, J. H. Dillard.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Adams, John F.	R. 2, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Adams, H. A.	R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Barker, M. F.	R. 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Brown, D. H.	R. 1, Traphill, N. C.
Burcham, C. C.	R. 2, North Wikesboro, N. C.
Callaway, J. F.	Granite Falls, N. C.

Cleary, D. O. ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Cox, G. R. ..... Ararat, Va.
Dillard, D. M. ..... Hays, N. C.
Dillard, M. C. ..... Hays, N. C.
Handy, W. R. ..... R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Harrold, J. C. ..... R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Harrold, R. F. ..... Hays, N. C.
Holbrook, Dewey ..... Winston-Salem, N. C.
Johnson, Roby ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Miles, Charlie ..... Traphill, N. C.
Royal, Franklin ..... McGrady, N. C.
Sidden, A. C. ..... Joynes, N. C.
Thompson, Foy ..... R. 3, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Walker, A. F. ..... Thurmond, N. C.

LIST OF LICENTIATES

Cardwell, J. F. ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Bryant, Olen ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Dameron, Ivan ..... Traphill, N. C.
Hanks, McKinley ..... Springfield, N. C.
Holbrook, L. B. ..... Traphill, N. C.
Wilmoth, K. H. ..... Thurmond, N. C.
Spicer, J. M. ..... Traphill, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Ordained Minister	Licentiates	Saturday of Ch. Meeting	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Application	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contribution	Time of Communion Meeting
Antioch	Charlie Wooten, Virgil Jenkins	John Nelson, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	43	$ 3.00	Sept.
Austin	H. F. Royal	B. C. Speaks, Traphill, N. C.	2	1	1	1	3	....	....	....	....	2	72	8.50	July
Bethany	G. W. Curry	L. W. Wood, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	2	2	4	8	1	....	....	2	4	1	137	7.00	July
Center	G. R. Cox	Elmer Barlow, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.	2	....	1	4	4	....	....	2	....	3	148	6.00	Aug.
Double Creek	Arthur Gambill	A. M. Holbrook, Abshers, N. C.	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	52	4.35	Aug.
Liberty Knob	A. F. Walker, H. F. Royal, Cleo Crouse, Charlie Miles	J. N. Royal, Roaring Gap, N. C.	1	....	3	7	....	....	....	....	....	1	44	10.00	Aug.
Mining Ridge	A. C. Sidden, Charlie Miles	S. M. Golden, State Road, N. C.	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	26	3.00	Aug.
Mountain Valley	Uriah Hanks, Arthur Gambill, R. F. Harrold	Wade Stamper, McGrady, N. C	....	....	1	20	4	....	....	2	....	....	65	5.00	Aug.
Mount Zion	Foy Thompson	G. D. Gambill, Winston-Salem, N. C.	2	....	4	4	....	....	....	2	....	....	104	10.00	June
New Covenant	Ernest Blevins	T. A. Miles, Hays, N. C.	1	....	3	8	....	....	....	....	5	3	109	6.75	Aug.
Oak Level	M. F. Barker, B. H. Barker, Charlie Miles	T. D. Barker, Roaring River, N. C.	1	1	3	7	....	....	....	2	....	1	84	6.85	Aug.
Rachael	L. E. Sparks, John Burcham	S. T. Curry, Roaring River, N. C.	....	....	1	15	2	....	....	....	....	1	167	3.65	Aug.
Roaring River	A. C. Sidden	R. A. Sidden, Joynes, N. C.	1	2	4	....	....	....	....	3	....	1	120	10.00	July
Round Hill	L. E. Sparks	J. T. Bauguess, Lomax, N. C.	1	....	2	6	2	1	....	1	....	1	127	3.00	Aug.
Round Mountain	H. A. Adams, A. C. Sidden, M. C. Dillard	J. C. Felts, Hays, N. C.	4	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	70	4.70	Aug.
Union	Charlie Miles	John R. Royal, Traphill, N. C.	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	2	....	1	46	5.00	July
Union Hill	A. F. Walker, John Adams	C. C. McCann, Thurmond, N. C.	1	1	1	3	....	....	....	....	....	2	52	5.00	Sept.
Zion	R. F. Harrold, D. C. Miller	J. A. Harrold, Hays, N. C.	1	....	4	4	....	....	....	3	1	2	84	5.00	Aug.
Garden Creek	Not represented		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3.90	....
		Totals	20	7	....	87	16	1	....	23	10	20	1550	$110.80	....

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT	SECRETARY	No. Teachers	No. Enrolled	Average Attendance	Months Kept Open
Austin	B. C. Speaks	Pauline Lyon	4	69	40	12
Bethany	Genn Wood	Ennice Wood	3	65	40	12
Center	John Billings	Rosalee Shumate	4	65	38	12
Double Creek	D. L. Holbrook	Maxine Cheatwood	3	41	21	6
Mount Zion	Vernie Johnson		8	102	.....	12
Oak Level	Alton B. Carter	Walsie Cockerham	4	72	36	12
Rachael	Curtis Johnson	Bettie Dimette	4	80	40	9
Round Mountain	J. C. Felts	Mrs. Roy Key	3	78	45	12
Union	Ted Church	H. W. Cox	4	60	40	9
		Totals	37	632	300	....

OBITUARIES

LYON

Laura Belva Lee Lyon, born January 19, 1946. Died January 20, 1947. Age one year, one day. Surviving are the father, Lloyd E. Lyon, mother, Hallie Brown Lyon, two brothers, Herman G. Lyon and Billie W. Lyon.

This little babe has gone to rest,
We should not mourn or cry,
To live with Jesus, ever blest,
And never more to die.

In Heaven we again may meet,
And once again embrace,
As we our loved ones once more greet,
And see them face to face.

HARRIS

Mrs. Jane Spicer Harris, born April 20, 1852. Died September 25, 1946. Age 94 years, 5 months, 5 days. She joined Rachael Baptist church years ago and lived a member until death. She had not been able to attend church service for several years, but bore her afflictions with patience.

SMOOT

Vadie Gregory Smoot, born November 22, 1885. Died May 22, 1947. Age 61 years, 6 months.

She was united in marriage to John E. Smoot November 9, 1902. To this union was born six children, three boys and three girls. Her husband and one daughter preceded her in death.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined Oak Grove Union Baptist church in early life. Later moved her membership to Round Mountain church, where she remained until death.

She was a loving mother and an affectionate wife. She always carried a smile and was loved by all who knew her.

Mother, you are gone but not forgotten,
ever shall your memory fade.
Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger
Around the grave where you are laid.

Written by a friend.

HIGGINS

Dock Higgins, born December 13, 1882. Died August 28, 1946.

The pain of death is past,
Labor and sorrow are no more;
Gone to meet with loved ones
On that bright, celestial shore.
Remember friends, as you pass by,
As you are now so once was I;
As I am now soon you shall be;
Prepare for death and follow me.

Written by his granddaughter.

CROUSE

George L. Crouse, born in Alleghany County, N. C., March 5, 1888. A son of the late Charles Crouse. He passed away February 23, 1947. Age 58 years, 11 months, 18 days.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Pearl Crouse, and children, five sons, Talmage, Woodrow and Cecil of State Road, N. C., Raymond of Elkin, N. C., Mayhlon, of the U. S. Army; three daughters, Mrs. Ruby Edwards, Cycle, N. C., Mrs. R. K. Crouse, Richmond, Va., and Miss Imogene of the home, State Road, N. C., six grandchildren, one brother, C. M. Crouse, Belair, Md. Five sisters, Mrs. Maggie Walls, Lomax, N. C., Mrs. Delia Brooks, Sparta, N. C., Mrs. Kate Irvin, Winston-Salem, N. C., Mrs. Ennice Crouse, Lomax, N. C., Mrs. Ella Brooks, Mountain Park, N. C.

He professed a hope in Christ about twelve years of age. Later he joined Union Hill Regular Baptist church. He was a faithful and consistent member as long as he was able to go. He became afflicted and could not walk for some time before he died. He bore his affliction much patience and read the Bible continually. He believed and trusted in the only one, true and all wise and eternal God, who doeth all things well. Trusted his life and future in His hands. He believed in salvation by grace, once saved eternally saved. That God was able to take care of His own. He talked religion, lived a consecrated life, after his profession. He was fully established in the faith once delivered to the saints. The writer had the privilege of baptising him into the fellowship of the church. We verily believe he is resting from his labor. Weep not, Sister Crouse, weep not, children. Husband and father is waiting for you on the other side of the river. Children, take heed. Father loved you much. Pattern your life by his. Treasure up and hold in memory his good counsel and advice. He will be looking for you.

Funeral held at Union Hill by A. F. Walker and T. G. Bauguess. His body laid to rest in the cemetery of same.

Written by request A. F. WALKER.

HANDY

Juuia Ann Handy, born October 30, 1861. Died May 12, 1946, age 84 years, 7 months, 12 days.

She professed a hope in early life and joined Walnut Grove Baptist church. Later moved her membership to Round Mountain church, where she lived a faithful member until death.

She was united in marriage to Rev. W. R. Handy in 1892. Unto this union was born three children, Milo Handy, Hays, N. C., Mrs. L. R. Wood, North Wilkesboro, N. C., R. 2. One daughter preceded her in death.

She was a good mother and an affectionate wife and was loved by all who knew her.

Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep.

HICKS

Gladys Maxey Hicks, born December 29, 1902. Died May 30, 1947. Making her stay on earth 44 years, 5 months, 1 day.

Married to Wm. Everett Hicks, September 9, 1927. To this union was born 9 children, 7 of whom are now living. Also living is one daughter by a former marriage. Three infant children preceded her in death.

She professed a hope and joined Burkhead M. E. church in Winston-Salem, N. C. Later joined Elk Spur Baptist church, on the second Sunday in January, 1947. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband and eight children, three grandchildren, one brother, Wesley E. Maxey, Winston-Salem, N. C., and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at Elk Spur church, June 1, 1947, by Elder H. E. Blevins. She was laid to rest in Traphill cemetery.

We shall cherish her memory with a consciousness of her suffering, a knowledge of our loss and her great gain. For the Word says there remaineth a rest for the people of God. Hers is a rest from pain and trouble, a rest from sitting long hours, making a great fight to live. But when the end came she seemed to realize it; called us all around to give as a last request, this is the last fight, "I want you all to take care of the little ones, and children, be good to one another, read your Bible and try to live right." The end came pecefully. She will now be resting, awaiting the resurrection morning.

Dear mother is gone, how sad how sad,
While we pass through the circle of years,
Let us all look Heavenward and be glad,
She is beyond all her toils and tears.

And since we know she has suffered so,
To her it was relief,
Her vacant seat our eyes now meet,
'Tis ours to bear the grief.

While we still wait, outside the gate,
Where troubles over us roll,
She'll ever abide at His dear side,
A happy ransomed soul.

While we drop for her a sorrowing tear,
And bid her face goodbye,
May we lose our fears and dry our tears,
As we look to the joy on high.

Written by her daughter, MRS. W. C. ROYALL.

ANDREWS

Mrs. Lucy Dorothy Andrews. Born May 5, 1854, in Grayson County, Va. Died May 19, 1947. She died at her daughters, Mrs. L. B. Norman. Aged 93 years, 14 days.

Married to Burruss Andrews in 1872. He preceded her in death 17 years ago. She was the mother of twelve children, six girls and six boys; two sons died in infancy and one in 1918. Three sons now survive: W. P. Andrews, P. L. Andrews, of Medford, Oregon, L. C. Andrews, Ennice, N. C., six daughters, Mrs. Arnold Hydes, Mrs. L. B. Norman, Thurmond, N. C., Mrs. D. Wagoner and Mrs. Clate Wagoner, Sparta, N. C., Mrs. G. L. Crouse, State Road, N. C., Mrs. John McCann, Mt. Airy, R. 4, N. C., 40 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

She professed a living hope in Christ in early life and joined Union Hill Regular Baptist church. Was baptised at her request by the writer at the age of 89 years. Her funeral was conducted at Union Hill church by A. F. Walker and T. G. Bauguess. Her body was carried back to Alleghany County, and laid to rest in the old family graveyard to await the resurrection morning.

By reason of strength she more than lived her three score and ten; surely she did honor her father and mother. Her entire life was made to her husband, her children and her neighbors and to all she came in contact with; seemingly she was loved by all who knew her. Her body has gone back to dust, yet she is not dead. Her good work will live on in our memories. We can only say, sleep on, mother, take your rest and the Lord's will be done. We had to bid you farewell for awhile, with the hope of meeting you again. We believe your ransomed spirit hath reached the shore where they weep no more, and that you are safe in your Father's house above, in the place prepared by your Saviour's love, and that your spirit now shines in the light of God and that His likeness now stamps your brow, for through the valley of the shadow of death your feet have trod, to reign in glory now.

Written by request of Bro. and Sister Norman, her son-in-law and daughter, who so tenderly cared for sister Andrews during her last days here on earth. May the Lord bless them abundantly.

A. F. WALKER.

OWENS

Martha Matilda Owens, born June 27, 1864. Died February 6, 1947. Age, 82 years, 7 months and 11 days. Daughter of Henry and Millie Call Brewer. She was united in marriage to Rev. Jimmie Manley Owens, March 29, 1885. To this union was born four children, James Franklin, Russell and Sarah Owens. One small son, Charlie, preceded her in death.

She professed a hope in Christ in 1884. Joined Zion Baptist church, later moved her membership to Bethany Baptist church, where she remained a member until death. She leaves two sons, one daughter, two

grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one brother and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

Often we think of you, dear mother,
And our hearts are grieved with pain,
Oh this would be a Heaven,
Should we hear your voice again.

You wore a crown of patience,
As you struggled on and on,
And the hands that rest forever
Are the hands that made our home.

Mother, you are gone, but not forgotten,
Never shall your memory fade;
Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger
Around the grave where you are laid.

WALKER

William Colonel Walker, born June 7, 1864. Died February 17, 1947. Age 82 years, 8 months, 23 days.

He professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Zion Baptist church. He was a deacon for a number of years. Attended his church regularly until his declining health.

He was married to Maro Harrold, who survives him. To this union was born eight children, Dona Walker, Oma Walker, Mrs. Rebecca Lauson, Billie Walker, Hays, N. C., Mrs. Dora Carpenter, Mrs. Mary Lawthorp, Statesville, N. C., Mrs. Docia Wyatt, Yadkinville, N. C., Mrs. Martha Day, Boonville, N. C., 13 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren.

He was a good husband, a kind father and a good neighbor. Funeral services were conducted by Elder D. M. Dillard, D. C. Miller and R. F. Harrold. His body was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

Dear husband and father is gone,
Oh, how sad how sad,
And our hearts are grieved with pain;
The pain of death has passed,
Labor and sorrow ceased,
Life's toil closed at last.

He has left this world of trouble,
Gone where sorrows are no more;
Gone to meet Jesus and loved ones,
On that bright celestial shore.

My Jesus as Thou wilt,
Oh may Thy will be mine;
Into Thy hands of love
I would my all resign.

Through sorrow or through joy,
Conduct me as Thy own,
And help me still, my Lord,
To say Thy will be done.

COLBERT

Barney Sherman Colbert, born April 20, 1884. Died June 14, 1947. Age 63 years, 1 month, 24 days.

Was married to Mary Wilmoth, December 23, 1903. To this union was born seven children, Bruce Colbert, Mrs. Lexie Cheek, Traphill, N. C., Eugene Colbert, Wake Forest, N. C., Mrs. Margie Byrd, Elkin, N. C., Manleth Colbert and Lonnie Colbert, Benham, N. C., Pearl Summerlin, Goldsboro, N. C.

He professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Knobbs Baptist church. Was a charter member in the organization of Austin Baptist church, where he remained a member until death.

Services were held at Austin by Elders H. F. Royal and Grant Cothren. He was a hard working man and had many friends to mourn his passing. He will be greatly missed in the family circle and in the community.

The pain of death has passed,
Labor and sorrow are no more;
Gone to meet with loved ones
On that bright celestial shore.

Remember friends, as you pass by,
As you are now, so once was I;
As I am now soon shall you be,
Prepare for death and follow me.
Written by Elder Hardin Brown.

SEXTON

Viola Mae Lyon Sexton, born March 22, 1912. Died February 24, 1947, age 34 years, 11 months, 2 days. The daughter of George and Effie Lyon.

Married to Charlie Sexton, December 24, 1932. To this union was born three children, one girl, Dorris Anne, two boys, William Franklin and Rayberm Charles, who preceded her in death January 30, 1945. She is survived by her husband and two children.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined Austin Baptist church August 2 and was baptised August 4, 1935, by Rev. L. E. Sparks.

She was a devoted wife and loving mother and friend to all.

We saw not the angel, as it entered with folded wings to carry our darling wife and mother from earth to her matchless King in glory, yet we know the Saviour called her up into his loving arms, shielded forever from earth's cares.

Farewell, dear husband and children, my life is past,
You loved me dearly to the last;
Weep not for me, but pity take,
And love each other for my sake.

Death fills hearts with grief and pain,
But those who meet in Heaven above
Will never part again.

Written by her step-mother, LEXIE LYON.

JONES

Lula Rhoades Harrold Jones, born February 1, 1899. Died July 12, 1947. She was first married to Charlie J. Harrold in 1914, who preceded her in death April, 1940. To this union was born ten children, all who have preceded her in death except two, Clay Harrold, Morganton, N. C., and Mrs. Reba Phillips.

She later married John B. Jones, August 15, 1945, who preceded her in death, May 1946.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Zion Baptist church, where she lived a faithful member until death.

She leaves two children and two brothers, Coyd Rhoades, Hays, N. C., Alonzo Rhoades, Wilkesboro, N. C., to mourn their loss. We feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

Oh mother dear, today we'll wear
A rose of white for thee;
What better symbol could I find
Of love and purity;
And as I walk along today,
In memory of the dead,
My thought goes back to yesterday,
When I wore a rose of red.

And as I pin this fair white rose,
To wither on my breast,
It seems I hear your loving voice,
And feel your soft caress,
And somewhere just beyond the vale,
Perhaps if I could see,
My darling mother's smiling down,
On my white rose and me.

BROWN

Nancy Blevins Brown, daughter of the late Alvis Blevins and Celia Richardson Blevins, born June 4, 1869. Died September 22, 1947, age 78 years, 3 months, 18 days.

In early life she professed a hope in Christ and joined the church

a Meadow Fork. Later moved her membership to Rachael Baptist church.

Married to John Brown when she was about 28 years of age. To this union was born five children, three living and two dead. The living are Mrs. T. O. Marsh, Winston-Salem, N. C., Miss Sallie Brown, Winston-Salem, N. C., Mrs. W. M. Dimmette, Roaring River, N. C.

She leaves three loving children six grandchildren, one brother, Eli Blevins, Hays, N. C., two sisters Mrs. G. W. Curry, Traphill, N. C., and Mrs. Mary Bell, West Virginia, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. While it is our loss we believe Heaven is her gain.

Dear mother, you are gone from us,
Never here any more in our home will you be,
But never will your memory fade,
Around the grave where you are laid.

Gone but not forgotten.

WALKER

Elder J. W. Walker, son of the late Wilson Walker, born December 22, 1856. Died October 20, 1946, making his stay on earth 89 years, 9 months, 28 days.

He was first married to Lucinda Porter. To this union was born ten children.

He was later married to Ila Brewer, who now survives. To this union was born seven children.

He united with New Covenant Baptist church by experience and baptism in 1872. Was ordained to the ministry, July 1889. Was dismissed by letter May, 1891. Was reunited with above church April, 1939, where he remained a faithful member until death.

He was afflicted for a number of years, but bore his afflictions with patience.

Funeral services were conducted at New Covenant church by Elders L. E. Sparks and Troy Blevins. His body was lain to rest in the church cemetery.

Time has passed since that sad day,
The one I loved was called away;
God took you, it was His will,
But your memory lingers still.

More and more each day we miss you,
Friends may think the wound is healed,
But little they know the sorrow
That lies in our hearts concealed.

God needed another angel
To worship before His throne,
So He looked down from Heaven
And called our loved one home.

Yes, God took you home, it was His will,
And in our hearts your memory lingers still,
But only a star shines over the grave,
Of the one we loved and could not save.

You are not dead, not lost, but gone on before,
You live within memory and will forevermore.

Written by his daughter, METTA WALKER.

WILES

Fannie Walker Wiles, born April 24, 1923. Died September 21, 1944. Age 21 years, 4 months, 28 days. She was the daughter of Rev. Wiborn Walker and Ila Brewer Walker.

Was married to Corbett Wiles, November 21, 1938. To this union was born three children. Two living, one dead. The living are Shelby Gean, Melton Alton Wiles.

She was a good wife and loving mother and was loved by all who knew her.

She leaves a husband, two dear children, her mother, four sisters, two brothers, two half brothers, three half sisters and a host of relatives to mourn their loss, which we hope is her eternal gain.

Oft we think of you, dear sister,
And our hearts are grieved with pain,
Oh, this world would be a Heaven
If we could hear your voice again.

Dear husband and children, my life is past,
You loved me dearly until the last,
Weep not for me, but pity take,
And love each other for my sake.

Death breaks the ties of strongest love,
Fills our heart with grief and pain;
But those who meet in Heaven above,
Will never part again.

Dear Fannie, you are gone but not forgotten,
Never shall your memory fade;
Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger
Around the grave where you are laid.

Dear sister, how we loved you
There is no tongue can tell.
How it grieved our hearts when you left us,
And had to say farewell.

Oh, the home is so lonely and our
hearts are so sad,
But we hope to meet you in that
land so bright and fair,
Where there will be no parting,
in that home over there.

Time has passed since that sad day
The one we loved was called away;
God took you, it was His will,
But your memory lingers still.

More and more each day we miss you,
Friends may think the wound is healed,
But they little know the sorrow
That lies in our hearts concealed.

Written by a sister, MAY BROWN.

GENTRY

Martha Ann Sparks Gentry, born September 19, 1853. Died April 16, 1947. Making her stay on earth 93 years, 6 months, 27 days.

Married to Madison Gentry about 65 years ago. He departed this life about 42 years ago. She was the mother of five children, Mr. W. M. Sparks, Schoolfield, Va., D. C. Gentry, Roaring River, N. C., Mrs. Treely Luffman (deceased), Mrs. Denver Ingool, Elkin, N. C., Berry Gentry, Benham, N. C.

She professed a hope in early life and joined Roaring River Baptist church. Later moved her membership to Oak Level where she remained a faithful member until death.

She was confined to her home for over eight years. She loved her home and her church and would often talk of going to church, after she was unable to go.

We will miss our dear mother, but we feel our loss is Heaven's eternal gain. In her last days she was as humble as a little child, therefore we feel that she has gone to that beautiful city to forever be with the Lord, where there is no sickness, no pain and no death, but all is love, joy and peace.

Dear children and grandchildren, let us all prepare to meet mother on the other shore, where we will never have to say goodbye.

A light from our household is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

Written by her daughter-in-law, MRS. BERRY GENTRY.

WALKER

Emiline Holbrook Shumate Walker, daughter of the late Martin and Mary Lyon Holbrook, born February 14, 1854. Died January 16, 1947. Age 92 years, 11 months, 3 days.

Was married to Henry Shumate in 1877, who died in 1885. To this union was born three children, Mrs. J. S. Hall and an infant who preceded her in death and Mrs. Dora Jennings with whom she made her home for 38 years.

She was later married to Wilson Walker, who also preceded her in death. To this union was born no children.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined New Covenant Baptist church, where she remained a member until death.

She is survived by one daughter, nine grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and ten great-great grandchildren.

She was a faithful wife and a loving mother and grandmother and a friend to all who knew her.

Funeral services were conducted at Center church by Elder A. B. Hayes and S. L. Blevins. Her body was laid to rest in the church cemetery to await the resurrection morning.

She has left this world of trouble,
Gone where sorrows are no more;
Gone to meet Jesus and her loved ones,
On that bright eternal shore.

BROWN

Francis Marion Brown, born February 18, 1897. Died March 17, 1947. Age 50 years, 27 days.

Professed a hope in Christ and joined the church at Roaring River, later joined Garden Creek church by letter, first Saturday in November, 1916, where his membership remained.

Married to Miss Elva Sexton, October, 1926. To this union was born two children, Boyce Brown, in service, Paul Brown, Joynes, N. C.

He leaves three sisters: Mrs. Mary Royal, Roaring Gap, N. C., Mrs. A. C. Sidden, Joynes, N. C., and Mrs. R. V. Gentry, Joynes, N. C.

He was afflicted for years, but bore his suffering with patience.

Fifty short years of trials and tears,
And then all troubles past;
No more sad days or weary ways,
A perfect rest at last.

Farewell, my friends, 'til trouble ends,
Then we will meet again;
If you live for God when your way is trod,
You will then be free from pain.

HOLLOWAY

Feilenia Ellen Norman Holloway, born December 17, 1858. Died November 24, 1946. Age 87 years, 11 months, 7 days.

Married to E. W. Holloway, October 12, 1877. To this union was ten children, 4 dead, 6 living. The living are Mrs. Francis Brown, Burlington, N. C., Mrs. Mary Ann Crouse, Traphill, N. C., Hort Holloway, Joynes, N. C., Walter Holloway, Elkin, N. C., Martha Holloway and Cora Holloway, Joynes, N. C. 22 grandchildren.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined Liberty Knob church, where she remained a member until death.

She lived a quiet life, but honored her profession, and was loyal to Christ's cause.

A long life in a quiet home,
With many trials sore;
Now with her no trials come,
And partings are no more.

SIDDEN

Abraham Lincoln Sidden was born February 2, 1864. Died April 18, 1947. Age 83 years, 2 months and 16 days.

He was married to Nancy Susanna Yale April 11, 1889. Unto this union were born eleven children, all of whom are living. They are in order of age: Mrs. Mary Jane Pendry, of Hays, N. C., Mrs. B. H. Caudill, of Traphill, N. C., Mr. A. C. Sidden, of Joynes, N. C., Mr. C. C. Sidden, of North Wilkesboro, N. C., Mr. John T. Sidden, of Winston-Salem, N. C., Mr. J. W. Sidden, of Joynes, N. C., Mr. Richard A. Sidden, of Joynes, N. C., Mrs. Elmira Hanks of Springfield, N. C., Mrs. Carrie E. Venable, of Hillsville, Va., Mr. J. Earl Sidden, of Joynes, N. C., and Mr. Charlie R. Sidden, of North Wikesboro, N. C. He joined the church at Roaring River August 31, 1923, and lived an exemplary Christian life unto the end.

We, the children, feel that we had a father as good as the best. A father that we could look to as a model to follow in life. We shall miss him so much; but there isn't a thing that he did in life, that we know of, that would cause us to have the least doubt about his being eternally at rest.

Asleep dear father, sweet be thy sleep,
Thou shalt not awake to weep.
We would not again see you dying
and stand by your bedside crying,
But behold you in your glory at the dawning
of the resurrection morning.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Primitive Baptist Association, and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent in the Association; who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to the seats. Each church shall be entitled to five delegates. In their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by application and good recommendation, dismissd by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in her union.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular decorum.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the votes of the members present, majority of the churches being represented.

5. New churches of any regular Baptist church of Jesus Christ of our Faith and Order in good standing, either dismissed by letter from Sister Associations, or by application and good recommendation, by sending up letter and delegates shall be admitted into the union.

6. Every chuurch in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method of accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

9. We think it necessary to have an association fund to defray the expenses of the Association, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those moneys shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same, and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

12. Amendment to this form of Government may be made at any

time, by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it expedient by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

13. The Association shall act as advisory council and shall endeavor to preserve a general union of the churches, and also preserve a chain of communion among the churches and give advice in matters of difficulty.

14. The Association shall inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent at any time in the Association.

15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this Constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

16. The Association may correspond with Sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing who may be of our faith and order to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

17. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain the same as they may choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

4. He shall strictly adhere to his subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who speaks before, by making remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as clearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association, without liberty obtained from the body, for his absence.

6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association requires.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the casting vote.

12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are One.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by Grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the Ressurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.